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Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., April 4, 1893.

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Philadelphia, Pa.

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Very respectfully,

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